

Dear Peggy,

5/16/90

Hasty response to your interesting and informative 5/14 because the next couple of days will be tiring and may lead to demands on my time.

It is my recollection that you are correct in believing that Richmond Harper flew de M on the beginning of his Mexican walking trip to Guatemala but I do not know what made me believe this. Perhaps it is in the Commission's testimony. Did I not mention this in what I wrote you? I've always believed it but now am not certain about my source. Maybe de M's own testimony. I think this is it.

I have a small file on Richmond Harper, copies enclosed. Some of these were notes on scraps of paper. I've made an extra copy of one to make it clearer.

I'm not certain but believe that the handwritten note to me of Jan 3, 1973, was by a young man named Jim Schmitt. My response is dated 1/8. If I am correct in this identification then it would be a good idea to ask Paul Hoch for anything he may have. If you've not been in touch with him he is at 1525 Acton St., Berkeley, CA 94702. He and Jim were good friends and worked together. Jim killed himself.

I did not follow the smuggling case in the Times clipping.

From these scraps my interest was before the smuggling arrests.

I'm sure it had to do with de M and my belief that his trip started with the airplane ride.

I don't remember whether you have the Commission's hearings or not. De M's testimony is in 9, beginning on 166. I've checked it and on 213 de M says it:

"We started off at the first 200 kilometers - Tito took us in a plane to cross the first range, a very difficult range, and the rest of the trip was made on foot, all the way to the Panama Canal."

Mary Ferrell may have more on this. I ~~must~~ mention her in the enclosures.

I've heard nothing more about the Galveston seminar. I'll be pleasantly surprised if there was anything substantial and relevant.

Best,